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"I have always been a quarter of an hour before my time, and it has made a man of me." —*Lord Nelson.*

SCHEDULE

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February	1. Bioscope, Territorial Tent, 7 p. m.
,,	,, Tennis Singles Tournament Finals, 5 p.m.
,,	,, Sub-Junior Bible Class, 4-30 p.m.
,,	2. Junior Bible Class, 4-30 p.m.
,,	3. Badminton Tournament Finals.
,,	,, "The Indian Mutiny," Rev. N. Meldrum, M.A., Territorial Tent, 7 p.m.
,,	5. Magic Lantern Lecture, "Japan"—Territorial Tent, 7 p.m.
,,	6. Smoker Concert, Territorial Tent, 7 p.m.
,,	7. Men's Meeting, Auditorium, 4 p.m.
,,	,, P. S. E. Meeting, Territorial Camp.
,,	8. Sub-Junior Bible Class, 4-30 p.m.
,,	,, Bioscope, Territorial Tent, 7 p.m.
,,	9. Illustrated Lecture, 6-30 p.m.
,,	,, Junior Bible Class, 4-30 p.m.
,,	,, Tennis Doubles Finals, 5 p.m.
,,	10. "The Indian Mutiny", Rev. N. Meldrum, M.A., Territorial Tent, 7 p.m.
,,	11. "Great Books and Sects", V. Chakkarai, B.A., B.L., Territorial Tent, 7 p.m.
,,	12. Boys' Branch Outing.
,,	,, Magic Lantern Lecture, Territorial Tent, 7 p.m.
,,	13. Indian Conjuror Exhibition, Territorial Tent, 7 p.m.
,,	14. Men's Meeting, Auditorium, 4 p.m.
,,	,, P. S. E. Meeting, Territorial Camp.
,,	15. Bioscope, Territorial Tent, 7 p.m.

ANNUAL SPORTS

Tournament matches in Football, Tennis Singles and Doubles and Badminton are in full swing. Twelve teams compete for Football cup and there are seven entries for Tennis Singles, eight for Tennis Doubles and nine for Badminton. All the matches are played in the Y. M. C. A. Ath-

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letic fields except in Football, for which Medical College grounds also are utilised.

The Annual Sports will be held on the 30th January. There are 18 different events open to the Y.M.C.A. members alone. Medals and prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Annual Election

S. D. Pears, Esq., Dr. K. T. Mathew, the Honourable Mr. Justice Spencer have been elected by the active members of the Association to fill the vacancies on the Board of Directors.

The Student Department

The Inter-Collegiate Oratorical Contest was held in the Auditorium on Friday, 22nd of January, at 5-30 p.m. The Pachiappa's College, the Presidency College, and the Christian College entered into the Competition. Each College sent three students. The subject was "How can India best help England *now*." The Hon. Dewan Bahadur P. Rajagopala Chariar, C.I.E., M. D. Devados, Esq., Barrister-at-Law, and Dr. Swaminathen very kindly acted as judges. Each student was given seven minutes to prepare the subject and was allowed to speak for seven minutes. The speakers suggested many lines as to how India can best help England at this crisis and the judges decided that Mr. N.S. Srinivasan, of the Presidency College, was the best speaker of the day. It was announced that the Gold Medal will be awarded to him at the anniversary of the Association which is to be celebrated before the middle of March.

It might perhaps be announced now that the World's Student Christian Federation has chosen Sunday, the 28th of February, 1915, as the Universal Day of Prayer for students. It is hoped that arrangements will be made so that all Christian students may gather together for prayer especially at this time when practically the whole world is involved in a mighty struggle. There is no doubt but that the war is really a challenge to the Christian faith and can we try to help towards a speedy closing of the war in a better way than by approaching the Throne of Grace to make His children enable Him to use His Infinite Resources. And so may we request that all the Christian students of the city will cooperate with us in the arrangements that we make.

There was a general meeting of the members of the Hostel on Thursday, 14th January at 8 p.m., to elect a Medical Member to be in charge of the Hostel Medical Chest and a Librarian to be in charge of the Almirah of books. Mr. George Zachariah and Mr. C. Ragavan were elected for the offices. The hostel is to be congratulated on the success it is having in trying to enlarge the library and to form a Reading Room for itself in its old A. Section dining room which was lying unused since the self-management system came into force. This has been made possible by a small monthly contribution from the members.

Boys' Branch

The boys who went for the Christmas holidays have returned with renewed vigour and energy to work hard with their lessons during this term. The activities carried on by the Association for them are in splendid shape, many of the Committees having been thoroughly reorganised, the old members giving place to new ones.

The Junior Football Tournament for S. Manuel Trophy will begin about the middle of February, and the new Committee appointed for it is sparing no pains to make it a complete success.

The Student Department has very kindly given us a Silver Medal to be presented to the boy who is best in Vocal music. All boys under eighteen can compete. Competitors should provide themselves with the necessary instruments for accompaniment. Further rules will be notified later on.

Members are reminded of the Arumai-Paukiam Medal, kindly given by Mr. S. Manuel, particulars of which are put on the Notice-board. They are asked to work hard from the beginning of the year as the points are counted even now.

The Tennis Court in Royapettah has been recently put right and the members are now enjoying the game. They are planning to have an entertainment in the coming few days.

Territorial Department

It was only when the Devonshire Regiment had arrived in Madras that we were aware of the quarantine on account of illness on board the transports. A reception which the ladies had already arranged was cancelled and a re-arrangement of work had to be made. Two large tents were secured which have been put up near the Fort entrance and games, papers, books, paino, etc., have been removed there. Lectures, bioscope and magic lantern exhibitions, football practice, etc., are being held regularly. Each evening from 100 to 200 men turn up to read, write or enjoy the items on the programme. The Association is thus providing the men with the only diversion which they are able to enjoy at the present time. A savings account has been opened and a considerable amount has already been deposited. A good sum of English money has been exchanged and several rupees worth of stamps are sold each week. As soon as the quarantine is cancelled a public reception will be given and friends invited to welcome the men to Madras.

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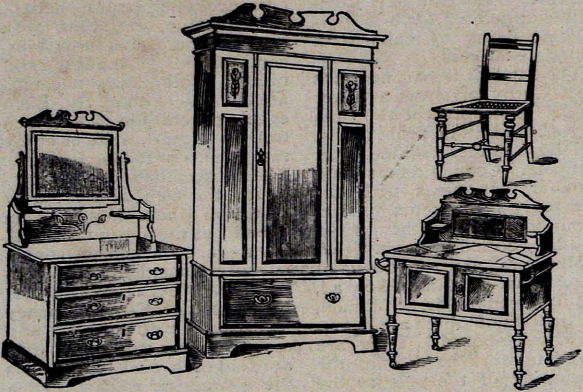

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